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**SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C.

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Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Add the new paragraph as indicated in the Attachment provided herewith.

**REMARKS**

In the FILING RECEIPT recently received, it was indicated that the filing date of the parent application (evidently taken from the PTO records) was not consistent with something (evidently that claimed by applicant on the declaration). The filing date for parent application serial number 09/869,191 was given on the present declaration as 25/06/2001. This declaration is correct to the extent that this was when the TRANSMITTAL LETTER ... CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 of the parent national stage application was first filed. This is well established by PTO records, though the receipt of all 35 USC requirements date used by the PTO is 25/09/2001. Therefore, it will be appreciated that the present declaration is not incorrect, or at least that this is an obvious error, so that no substitute declaration is required in the present application.

However, in order to provide the correct filing date of the parent national stage application in the present CIP application, and to provide this information at the beginning of the specification as now required, this Amendment is filed to effect this.